

Supporting Partner II (Major Opening)

When your Partner opens the bidding with one of a major, showing 5+cards and you have 4+cards support, you show the fit immediately. With 3-card support, you generally use a different bidding sequence to distinguish between these support levels. (See the September, 2017 *Bridge Bulletin*, p.46 for an excellent write-up on the importance of 4-card support.)

Supporting Opener's Major:

Evaluate your hand using dummy support points as defined in the Hand Evaluation lesson after a fit is found. The chart below is applicable when you plus your Partner are unpassed hands and there is no interference.

Responding to an Opening Major With Support

Cards	Points	Response	Forcing?
3+	6-9	Simple Raise	No
3	10-12	Bid another suit then jump raise on next round	1-round
3	13-15	Bid another suit then jump to game on next round	1-round
4+	10-12	Jump to 3-Level (Limit Raise)	No
4+	13-15	With a singleton/void in an outside suit, jump to 4 of that suit: <i>Splinter Raise</i>	Yes
4+	13+	With a balanced hand or with 16+ SP bid 2NT! <i>Jacoby 2NT</i>	Yes

Interference:

Interference changes some of the responses. For example, *Jacoby 2NT* is off. The type of interference also changes your responses. The chart below assumes that an opponent's overcall (not a TOX or cuebid) has been made after your Partner opened with a major, e.g. 1♥ - 2♣, and you don't have 4+cards in the other major:

Responding to an Opening Major With Support After Interference

Cards	Points	Response	Forcing?
3+	6-9	Simple Raise to 2-level	No
3	10-12	Holding an outside, very good 5+card suit plus 3-card support, show your suit first, then rebid Partner's opening suit	1-round
3+	10-12	Cuebid opponent's suit	1-round
3+	13-15	Cuebid opponent's suit, then raise to game on next round	1-round
4	3-5	Jump to 3-Level	No
5+	2-5	Jump to Game	No

Quiz 32: Supporting Partner's Major II

Your Partner opens; opponent's call is shown in (...); enter your bid.

	Bids & Responses	Your Hand		Bids & Responses	Your Hand
1a.	1♠ – (Pass) – _____	♠ K762 ♥ A64 ♦ A53 ♣ 763	2a.	1♠ – (Pass) – _____	♠ K76 ♥ A64 ♦ A532 ♣ 763
3a.	1♥ – (Pass) – _____	♠ ♥ QT943 ♦ J8432 ♣ 432	4a.	1♥ – (Pass) – _____	♠ A2 ♥ KT9 ♦ KJT62 ♣ 864
5a.	1♥ – (Pass) – _____	♠ AQ75 ♥ QT9 ♦ QJ63 ♣ J6	6a.	1♠ – (Pass) – _____	♠ KQT ♥ T93 ♦ KT6 ♣ 9876

	Bids & Responses	Your Hand		Bids & Responses	Your Hand
1b.	1♥ – (2♣) – _____	♠ KT72 ♥ 986 ♦ T6 ♣ AT98	2b.	1♠ – (2♣) – _____	♠ QT94 ♥ J ♦ J8432 ♣ 732
3b.	1♥ – (2♣) – _____	♠ A2 ♥ QT943 ♦ J843 ♣ K2	4b.	1♠ – (2♣) – _____	♠ K52 ♥ KT943 ♦ T652 ♣ 8
5b.	1♥ – (1♠) – _____	♠ K42 ♥ T98 ♦ AJ863 ♣ K6	6b.	1♠ – (2♣) – _____	♠ Q542 ♥ 94 ♦ KT62 ♣ A8